

A2 - -47. The housing 20 is for mounting on the outside of a door or panel 210 of a cabinet or enclosure (not shown) having a frame 221 (Figure 24). As illustrated in Figures 1-6, the housing 20 includes a front wall 21, a pair of opposing side walls 22, a rear wall 23, a substantially open top wall 24, a substantially open bottom 25, and a central elongated cavity or well 30 in which much of the latch mechanism is housed as described below. The underside of the top wall 24 forms a shoulder or flange 214 which extends about the periphery of the housing 20. Each side wall 22 has a pair of snap legs 220 formed therein. The rear wall 23 has a central vertical slot 26 for receiving the pawl 140. As can be seen in Fig. , the front wall 21 and side walls 22 are cut away at one end of the housing 20, and they collectively define a cutout 27 in which the lockplug 50 and lockpawl 70 can be easily accessed. The housing 20 also includes a first opening 28 formed in the housing 20 proximate the front end of the housing 20, a first countersink 38 located inwardly about the first opening 28, a second opening 29 formed in the housing 20 rearward of the first opening 28, a second countersink 40 located inwardly about the second opening 29, a separation extension 31, a first chamber 32 formed therein, and a second chamber 34 formed therein. The separation extension 31 extends between the sides 36 of the top wall 24 and separates the first and second openings 28, 29. The first chamber 32 (as illustrated in Figure 1) is adapted to receive the lockplug 50. The first countersink 38 is adapted to removably retain the lockplug 50. The second chamber 34 (as illustrated in Figure 1) is adapted to receive the button 60. The second countersink 40 is adapted to removably retain the button 60. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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- - 52. As illustrated in Figure 1, the lockplate 80 has a generally rectangular shape, a front end 81, a rear end 82, a pair of sides 83, a pair of fingers 84 extending generally perpendicularly outwardly from the plane defined by the sides 83, and a generally central aperture 85. The front end 81 also extends generally perpendicularly outwardly from the plane defined by the sides 83 such that the side edges of the front end 81 and fingers 84 are preferably in general alignment to one another. The distance between the front and rear ends 81, 82 of the lockplate 80 is greater than the distance between the sides 83 of the lockplate 80. - -

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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- -60. When the latch 10 is assembled, the lockplug 50 is removably positioned within the first chamber 32 of the housing 20 and removably retained by the first countersink 38 of the housing 20. The lockpawl 70 is removably secured to the bottom end 56 of the lockplug 50 such that the front end 73 of the lockpawl 70 is most forward relative to the front end of the housing 20. The lockplate 80 is removably positioned within the second chamber 34 of the housing 20 such that the front end 81 of the lockplate 80 is most forward relative to the front end of the housing 20. The button 60 is removably secured to the lockplate 80, with the legs 66 of the button 60 securing themselves between the fingers 84 of the sides 83 and the front end 81 of the lockplate 80 where the flanges 69 are positioned beneath the underside of the lockplate 80, as the button 60 is removably positioned within the second chamber 34 of the housing 20 such that the front end 62 of the button 60 is most forward relative to the front end of the housing 20. The handle 100, pawl 140, and carriage 130 are removably secured to one another by the pins 150, 160, 170 such that the rear end extension 145 of the pawl 140 extends through the vertical slot 138 of the rear wall 133 of the carriage 130, and, when the